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<b>Interview Summary</b>	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	09/748,137	INOUE, HIROMOTO	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Prasad R Akkapeddi	2871	

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Dr. Prasad R Akkapeddi-Examiner. *PRA* (3) \_\_\_\_\_.

(2) Mr. Bernard P. Codd-Applicant's Representative. *BPC* (4) \_\_\_\_\_.

Date of Interview: 30 June 2004.

Type: a) ☐ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference  
c) ☒ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☒ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.  
If Yes, brief description: \_\_\_\_\_.

Claim(s) discussed: 1.

Identification of prior art discussed: Yes.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☒ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Mr. Codd elaborated the main points recited in claim 1. Mr. Codd's position is that the applied reference does not teach the cushion material has an outer surface opposing to the fitting portion. Examiner elaborated his position and the Examiner maintains that the cushion material as disclosed on Col. 18, lines 50-60 meets the limitations.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an Attachment to a signed Office action.

*P. R. Akkapeddi*  
Examiner's signature, if required

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### Applicant Initiated Interview Request Form

Application No.: 09/748,137 First Named Applicant: Hiromoto INOUE  
 Examiner: Prasad R. Akkapeddi Art Unit: 2871 Status of Application: Pending

**Tentative Participants:**

(1) Prasad R. Akkapeddi (2) Bernard P. Codd  
 (3) \_\_\_\_\_ (4) \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed Date of Interview: June 30, 2004

Proposed Time: 10 (AM/PM)

**Type of Interview Requested:**

(1) ☐ Telephone (2) ☒ Personal (3) ☐ Video Conference

Exhibit To Be Shown or Demonstrated: ☐ YES ☐ NO

If yes, provide brief description: \_\_\_\_\_

### Issues To Be Discussed

Issues (Rej., Obj., etc.)	Claims/ Fig. #s	Prior Art	Discussed	Agreed	Not Agreed
(1) <u>Rej.</u>	<u>1 and 2</u>	<u>Sasuga et al.</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(2) _____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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☐ Continuation Sheet Attached

**Brief Description of Arguments to be Presented:**

Claim 1 requires that the LCD is fitted into the cushion material, in which the cushion material has an outer surface opposing to the fitting portion. It is not seen where Sasuga discloses or suggests the claimed cushion material with a fitting portion. The Examiner concludes that it would have been obvious to adapt the cushion material into a frame-like form that has an outer surface opposing to the fitting portion so that the whole module is firmly held in its entirety without any necessity for other fixing members. Applicant does not propose to amend the claims. Applicant intends to further explain the differences between Sasuga and the claimed invention, and/or request further explanation from the Examiner where Sasuga teaches the fitting portion and how the cushion material of Sasuga could be modified to read on claim 1.

An interview was conducted on the above-identified application on: \_\_\_\_\_

**Note:**

This form should be completed by applicant and submitted to the examiner in advance of the interview (see MPEP § 713.01).

This application will not be delayed from issue because of applicant's failure to submit a written record of this interview. Therefore, applicant is advised to file a statement of the substance of this interview (37 CFR 1.133(b)) as soon as possible.

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 (Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature)

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